Adverse effect of cheap Chinese imports

109. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of COMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the cheap imports from China had made deep ir roads into sectors like electronic goods, machinery items and auto components;

(b) if so, whether Government is taking/purpose to take any measure that would lend a helping hand to the domestic industries in overcoming the threat from cheap imports from China;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) to (d) India removed all Quantitative Restrictions on imports except those necessitated, *inter alia*, on grounds of health, security, public morale and environment in the year 2001. However, the Government is monitoring import of certain sensitive items on monthly basis. As per the import data available with the Government for the period April-December, 2007, import of these items increased by 11.1% compared to the corresponding period of last year. Import of sensitive items from China during this period increased by only 2.2%. Electronic goods, machinery items and auto components are classified under Chapter 84, 85 and 87 of ITC(HS) Classification of Export and Import Items. Import of items under these chapters grew by 31.6% during the year 2006-07, as compared to the previous year. The growth rate of import of these items from China during this period was 56.8%.

Any domestic concern arising out of imports are addressed by appropriate action under the provisions of the Agreement on Implementation of Article VI of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, 1994, the Agreement on Safeguards and the Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures of the WTO.

SEZ information on minsitry's website

110. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the fact sheet of the Ministry of Commerce website shows SEZ and unit-wise break up of investment, employment and export of Rs. 15,000 crores, 25,000 Nos. and 9,301 crores respectively; and

(b) if so, against these figures, what are the details of the value of imports by these 100 SEZs during 2006-07?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.